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1. SUMMARY. SCINTEIA MARCH 13 FRONT-PAGES MEETING
BETWEEN CEAUSESCU AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR DROZDENKO
DURING WHICH LATTER MADE FIRST EXTENSIVE OFFER OF
SOVIET RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING MARCH 12 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU
AND PARTY SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STEFAN
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ANDREI, SOVIET AMBASSADOR DELIVERED SECOND MESSAGE OF
SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE FROM SOVIET LEADERS, TOGETHER
WITH AN "OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION" CONCERNING "IMMEDIATE"
ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY SOVIETS. MESSAGE TOOK NOTE OF
"PRIMORDIAL NECESSITY FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING
UNITS" AND MADE GIFT OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED SET UP FACTORY
FOR PRODUCTION OF LARGE CONCRETE PRE-FABRICATED ELEMENTS

WITH ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF BETWEEN 70-80 THOUSAND SQUARE METERS PER YEAR. ALSO ON NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS, SOVIETS OFFERED FOLLOWING:

- A. 15,000 CUBIC METERS LUMBER
- B. 1,000 CUBIC METERS WOODEN PANELS
- C. 150,000 SQUARE METERS FIBER PANELS
- D. 500 CUBIC METERS AGGLOMERATED PANELS
- E. 500 TONS OF WATER AND GAS PIPING
- F. 2 MILLION SQUARE METERS OF TAR BOARD FOR ROOFS AND INSULATION
- G. 500,000 SQUARE METERS GLASS
- H. 1 MILLION CORRUGATED ASBESTOS CEMENT PLATES
- I. 50,000 RADIATORS
- J. 2,500 BOILERS
- K. 3,000 BATHES
- L. 2,000 SINKS
- M. 200 TRUCKS
- N. 100 TRACTORS
- O. 50 MOBILE SHOP TRAILERS
- P. 20 MEDICAL VEHICLES
- Q. 30 BULLDOZERS
- R. 300 KMS. OF CABLE
- S. 1,000 GAS METAL CUTTING UNITS

3. SAME ISSUE OF SCINTEIA ALSO NOTED ADDITIONAL GIFT BY SOVIET RED CROSS OF 3,000 KGS. OF MEDICINES AND VACCINES.

4. COMMENT: SOVIET OFFER, EVEN IF SOMEWHAT LATE, IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTENSIVE AND FITS INTO RECONSTRUCTION PATTERN WHICH ROMANIANS ARE NOW EMPHASIZING. HERETOFORE ONLY MENTION OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN IN CONNECTION WITH PLANELOAD OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES WHICH ARRIVED EARLIER. DURING HIS MARCH 10 PRESS CONFERENCE CEAUSESCU IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN OPENLY SARCASTIC WHEN ANSWERING A QUESTION AS TO EXTENT OF SOVIET AID, POINTEDLY NOTING THAT ONLY TWO COUNTRIES WHO HAD OFFERED MORE THAN NORMAL DISASTER RELIEF UP TO THAT POINT HAD BEEN GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. SOVIETS CAN NOW BE INCLUDED. WE NOTE THAT WHILE EXTENSIVE, MUCH OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE IS UNSOPHISTICATED BUILDING MATERIAL AND WE EXPECT THAT ROMANIAN REQUESTS FOR MORE SOPHISTICATED ASSISTANCE WILL BE DIRECTED ELSEWHERE, I.E. TO THE WEST.

6. PUBLIC HIGHLIGHTING OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE BY ROMANIANS IS UNUSUAL. IT WAS NOT DONE DURING 1970 OR 1975 FLOODS. SO FAR ONLY YUGOSLAVS HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR TREATMENT, E.G. CEAUSESCU'S MARCH 11 RECEPTION OF TITO'S SPECIAL

ENVOY STEVAN DORONSKI, WHO APPARENTLY CAME TO SURVEY
NEEDS RATHER THAN ANNOUNCE FURTHER YUGOSLAV ASSISTANCE
AT THIS TIME. CHINESE AID (I.E. 20 TONS OF MEDICINES
FROM CHINESE RED CROSS) BY CONTRAST WAS LUMPED TOGETHER
IN A SUMMARY OF THAT GIVEN BY SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES IN
SAME ISSUE OF SCIENTIA. NEVERTHELESS, PRESS PLAY ACCORDED
TO SOVIET OFFER DOES FIT PATTERN OF IMPROVED ATMOSPHERICS
OF LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. IT MAY ALSO SERVE ROMANIAN PURPOSE
AS A SPUR OR STIMULANT TO ADDITIONAL WESTERN ASSISTANCE.
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